

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. To enhance the effectiveness of a computer monitor of
3 the type having a pair of primary surfaces, including a front
4 surface and a rear surface, a pair of opposite side surfaces, a
5 top surface and a bottom surface, a monitor utility assembly
6 comprising:

7 a universal mount base structured and disposed to be
8 securely attached to the monitor,

9 a generally rigid top panel,

10 an upper mount assembly structured and disposed to secure
11 said top panel to said mount base, in overlying relation atop
12 the monitor,

13 said upper mount assembly being further structured to
14 overhang said top panel beyond the front surface of the monitor
15 in order to selectively shade and screen a screen on the front
16 surface of the monitor from light and glare,

17 a utility console, said utility console disposed between
18 said universal mount base and said upper mount assembly;

19 said utility console including a front surface accessible
20 by a user; and

21 said top panel including a lip disposed at least on a front
22 edge thereof, said lip being structured and disposed to retain
23 at least one article placed on said top panel.

24 2. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
25 wherein said utility console includes a speaker

1 assembly.

- 2 3. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
3 wherein said utility console includes a USB processor
4 and at least one USB port externally accessible by the
5 user, said USB processor being communicatively
6 associated with a computer processor assembly
7 associated with the monitor.

8 4. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
9 Wherein said utility console includes a transceiver
10 disposed therein, said transceiver operatively
11 associated with a corresponding peripheral device.

12 5. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 4
13 wherein said peripheral device includes a wireless
14 headset.

15 6. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 5
16 wherein said wireless headset includes a microphone.

17 7. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 5
18 wherein said wireless headset includes a speaker.

19 8. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
20 wherein said utility console includes a camera
21 assembly, a lens of said camera assembly exposed via
22 said front surface.

23 9. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
24 wherein said utility console is at least partially
25 removable.

- 1 10. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 9
2 wherein said utility console includes a storage
3 compartment.
- 4 11. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
5 wherein said universal mount base is structured to be
6 at least partially secured at the top surface of the
7 monitor.
- 8 12. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 11
9 wherein said universal mount base includes a
10 cantilever bracket structured to engage one of said
11 primary surfaces of a thin monitor so as help maintain
12 engagement therebetween.
- 13 13. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
14 further comprising a secondary support panel, said
15 secondary support panel structured to be disposed in
16 spaced apart relation above said top panel so as to
17 support an article thereon.
- 18 14. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 13
19 wherein said secondary support panel is removably
20 secured to said top panel.
- 21 15. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 13
22 wherein said top panel and said secondary support
23 panel are removably secured with one another by a
24 track assembly.
- 25 16. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 15

- 1 wherein said track assembly is at least partially
2 disposed on an underside of said top panel.
- 3 17. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 1
4 further comprising a pair of generally rigid side
5 panels, said side panels structured and disposed to at
6 least partially shield a side of the screen of the
7 monitor.
- 8 18. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 17
9 further comprising an adjustable side mount assembly
10 structured and disposed to provide forward and
11 backward, slided movement of said side panels such
12 that said side panels selectively extend beyond the
13 front surface of the monitor.
- 14 19. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 17
15 further comprising an illumination assembly
16 operatively secured to at least one of said side
17 panels.
- 18 20. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 17
19 further comprising a utility compartment defined on at
20 least one of said side panels.
- 21 21. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
22 wherein said utility compartment includes a cover
23 assembly structured to at least temporarily enclose an
24 interior of said utility compartment.
- 25 22. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 21

- 1 further including a lock assembly structured to secure
2 said cover assembly in a closed orientation on said
3 utility compartment.
- 4 23. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
5 wherein said utility compartment includes a PDA
6 interface port disposed therein, said PDA port
7 structured to receive a PDA communicatively associated
8 therewith.
- 9 24. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 23
10 wherein said PDA interface port is communicatively
11 associated with a computer processor assembly
12 associated with the monitor.
- 13 25. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
14 wherein said utility compartment includes a peripheral
15 interface communicatively associated with a computer
16 processor assembly associated with the monitor and
17 structured to receive a peripheral device
18 communicatively associated therewith.
- 19 26. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
20 wherein said utility compartment includes a storage
21 assembly.
- 22 27. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 20
23 wherein said utility compartment includes a plurality
24 of adjustable panels defined therein, each of said
25 panels structured to receive a utility item

functionally secured thereto.

1 said utility console including a front surface accessible
2 by a user;

3 a pair of generally rigid side panels, said side panels
4 structured and disposed to at least partially shield a side of
5 a screen of the monitor; and

6 an adjustable side mount assembly structured and disposed
7 to provide forward and backward, slided movement of said side
8 panels such that said side panels selectively extend beyond the
9 front surface of the monitor.

10 31. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 30
11 wherein said side mount assembly is structured to vary
12 a spacing between said side panels so as to
13 accommodate monitors of varying widths.

14 32. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
15 wherein said utility console includes a speaker
16 assembly.

17 33. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
18 wherein said utility console includes a USB processor
19 and at least one USB port externally accessible by the
20 user, said USB processor being communicatively
21 associated with a computer processor assembly
22 associated with the monitor.

23 34. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
24 wherein said utility console includes a transceiver
25 disposed therein, said transceiver operatively

- 1 associated with a corresponding peripheral device.
- 2 35. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 34
3 wherein said peripheral device includes a wireless
4 headset.
- 5 36. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
6 wherein said utility console includes a camera
7 assembly, a lens of said camera assembly exposed via
8 said front surface.
- 9 37. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
10 wherein said utility console is at least partially
11 removable.
- 12 38. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 37
13 wherein said utility console includes a storage
14 compartment.
- 15 39. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
16 wherein said universal mount base is structured to be
17 at least partially secured at the top surface of the
18 monitor.
- 19 40. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 39
20 wherein said universal mount base includes a
21 cantilever bracket structured to engage one of said
22 primary surfaces of a thin monitor so as help maintain
23 engagement therebetween.
- 24 41. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
25 further comprising an illumination assembly

- 1 operatively secured to at least one of said side
2 panels.
- 3 42. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
4 further including at least one adjustably positionable
5 page holder assembly, said page holder assembly
6 including a holder panel and being structured and
7 disposed to be moveable between a retracted position,
8 wherein said holder panel extends along the side
9 surface of the monitor, and an operative position,
10 wherein said holder panel is operatively suspended
11 generally adjacent the front surface of the monitor
12 such that an article supportably disposed on said
13 holder panel is easily viewable by a user viewing the
14 front surface of the monitor.
- 15 43. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 31
16 further comprising a generally rigid top panel
17 structured to be disposed in overlying relation atop
18 the monitor.
- 19 44. The monitor utility assembly as recited in claim 43
20 further comprising an upper mount assembly structured
21 and disposed to secure said top panel to said mount
22 base, said upper mount assembly being further
23 structured to overhang said top panel beyond the front
24 surface of the monitor in order to selectively shade
25 and screen a screen on the front surface of the

1 monitor from light and glare.

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